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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: EMIGRATION OF SOVIET PENTECOSTALS

1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR AND VICE CONSUL ROBERT PRINGLE MADE REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF SOVIET PENTECOSTALS PER REFTTEL, TO MFA USA DIVISION COUNSELOR V. I. TRIFONOV ON MAY 12, AND LEFT NON-PAPER (COPY POUCHED TO EUR/SOV).
2. TRIFONOV RESPONDED TARTLY THAT THE EMBASSY WAS FAMILIAR WITH SOVIET EMIGRATION PROCEDURES, AND "KNEW" THAT OVIR'S DEAL WITH ALL APPLICANTS FOR EXIT PERMISSION, INCLUDING PENTECOSTALS, "ACCORDING TO SOVIET LAW". CONSULAR COUNSELOR THEN ASKED WHETHER FOR EXIT VISA CASES IN WHICH EMBASSY MAKES REPRESENTATIONS AT MFA, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CITE PROVISION OF LAW UNDER WHICH APPLICANT IS REFUSED. TRIFONOV REPLIED THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO DO SO. TRIFONOV, OBVIOUSLY UNFAMILIAR WITH OUR INVITATION FORMS, ALSO OBJECTED TO THE USE OF THE WORD "VYZOV", STATING THAT IT WAS INCORRECT RUSSIAN. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE
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INFORMATION TO THE CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET PENTECOSTAL COMMUNITY AND REPORT TO DEPARTMENT. TOON

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